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Dear Examiner Dixon,

Attached please find the draft interview agenda for our telephone interview on Thursday, August 8 at 1 pm Eastern time. This is for discussion purposes only; please do not enter it into the file. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 949-721-5397.

Best regards,
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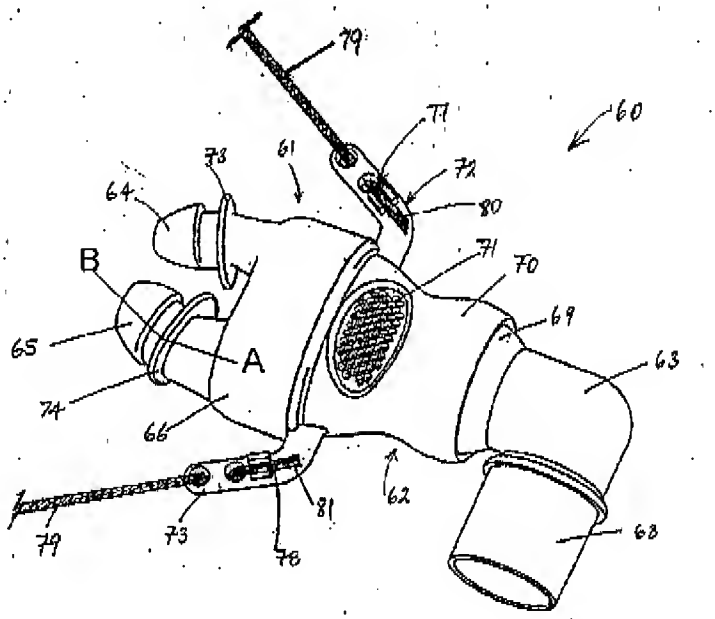
DRAFT INTERVIEW AGENDA

U.S. Application No.: 10/598,026 (FPHCR.112NP)

Date/Time: Thursday, September 8, 2011; 1:00 pm (EDT)

I. Overview of pending claims and certain figures (e.g., Figures 9, 10)



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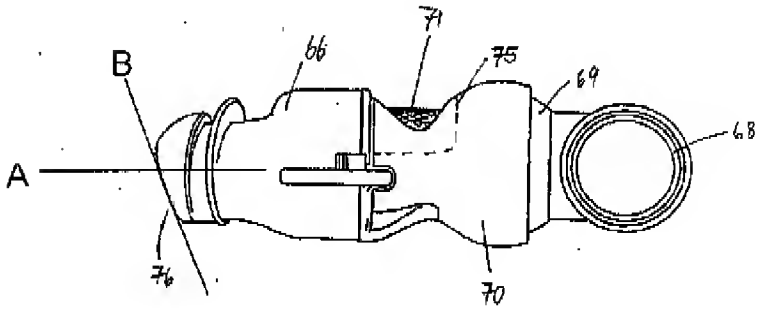

Figure 10

II. The applied art

A. WO 02/074372 to Papania et al.

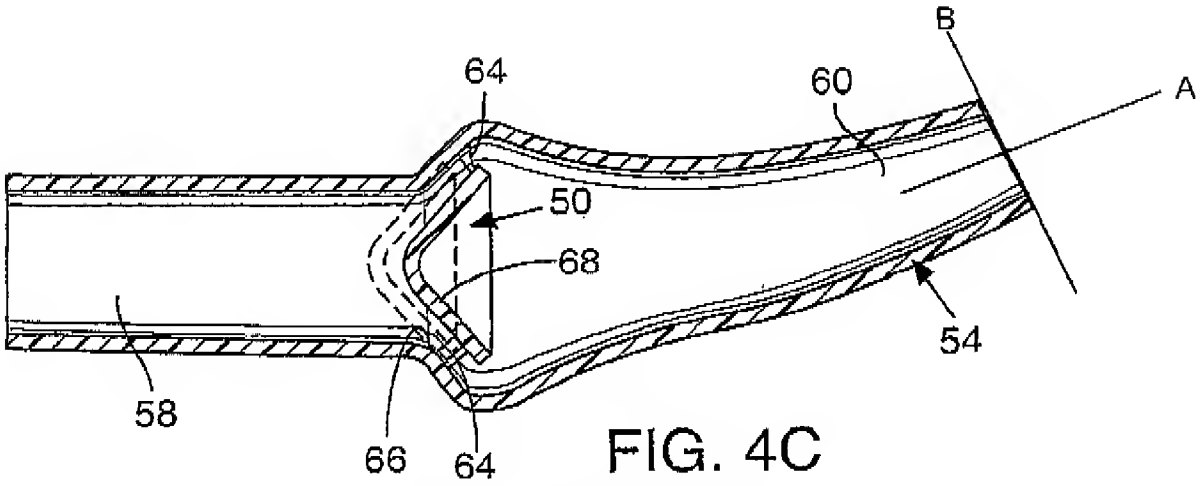

FIG. 4C

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B. U.S. Patent No. 6,644,315 to Ziaee

FIG. 1

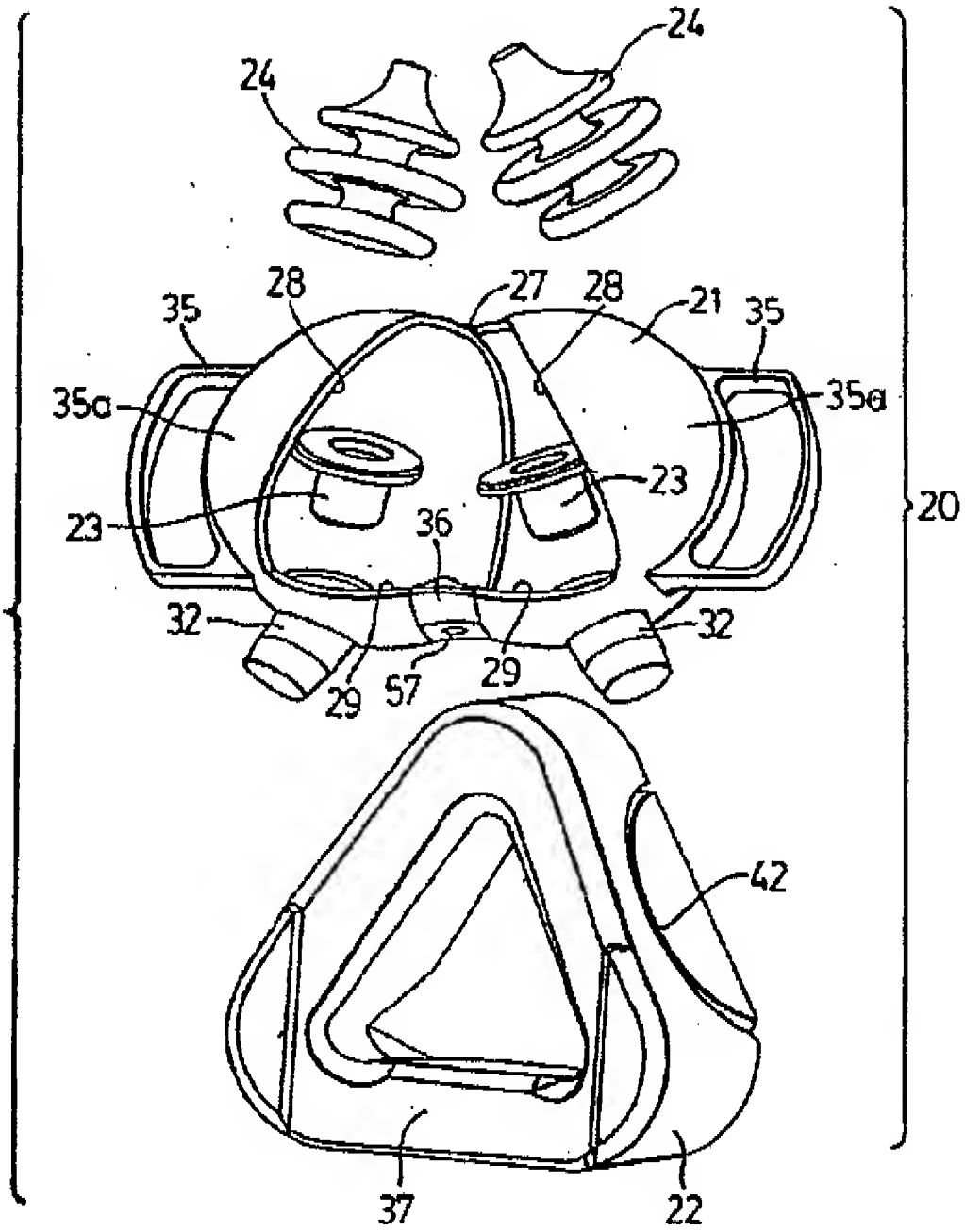

Figure 1 of Ziaee

III. Discussion of certain claim limitations

1. A breathing assistance apparatus comprising:

a nasal cannula, shaped to fit within a user's nares, and adapted to deliver said humidified gases to said user,

wherein said nasal cannula includes at least one prong that is capable of increased flow delivery of said gases and creates a positive airway pressure in said user's airway, said at least one prong having an opening at its end, wherein ***the opening is formed in a plane that is oriented at an angle with respect to a transverse plane, the transverse plane being transverse to a longitudinal axis of a portion of the prong extending from the opening***, such that in use, gases flowing through said prong are directed to said user's nasal passages.

23. A breathing assistance apparatus comprising:

a nasal cannula shaped to fit within a user's nares, and adapted to deliver gases to said user, said nasal cannula defining a longitudinal axis along its length;

said nasal cannula comprising at least one prong configured for increased flow delivery of said gases and for creating a positive airway pressure in said user's airway,

said at least one prong comprising ***a first portion extending substantially parallel to the nasal cannula's longitudinal axis, and a second portion extending from the first portion at an angle with respect to the nasal cannula's longitudinal axis***,

said at least one prong further comprising an opening formed within the second portion, such that in use, gases flowing through said prong are directed to said user's nasal passages.

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